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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A blend material useful as a distillate fuel or as a blending component for a distillate fuel comprising:

(a) a Fischer-Tropsch derived distillate wherein the distillate is a 250-700°F fraction, and

(b) a virgin distillate wherein the distillate is a 250-700°F fraction, wherein the sulfur content of the blend is ≥ 2 ppm by weight, and wherein the peroxide number in the blend is no greater than 13.17 as tested according to ASTM D3703-92 for peroxides.

2. (Original) The blend material of claim 1 wherein the Fischer-Tropsch distillate is a 250-700°F fraction and has a sulfur content of less than 1 ppm by wt.

3. (Original) The blend material of claim 1 wherein the virgin distillate is selected from the group consisting of raw virgin distillate and mildly hydrotreated virgin distillate where the boiling range of the distillate is not materially changed.

4. (Original) The blend material of claim 3 wherein the sulfur content of the virgin distillate is ≥ 10 ppm.

5. (Original) The blend material of claim 3 wherein the proportion of (a) to (b) is about 99/1 to 50/50.

6. (Original) The blend material of claim 5 wherein the proportion of (b) in the blend ranges from about 1-40%.

7. (Original) The blend material of claim 5 wherein the proportion of (b) in the blend ranges from about 1-30%.

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8. (Cancelled)

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